

There's work still to do

In his March 1 article, "Development Code: Fresno City Hall's next battlefield," George Hostetter reported that the advisory committee for the development code update "is done with its work."

Not so.

I have participated in the Technical Advisory Committee for the development code update for the last 18 months. Our organization, the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, strongly supports the TAC because of our belief in the importance of allowing diverse perspectives to shape and inform policy.

City staff originally told the committee that it would have the opportunity to review together all drafts of the new development code before a final public review draft was released. The goal was to produce a well-informed and functional document.

However, with several chapters of the draft code left to review, the committee has been told that, due to time constraints, the committee will no longer meet.

We hope that the city does not repeat its mistakes from the General Plan Update process, when it released hundreds of pages of documents just one work day before the Planning Commission vote. The city should commit to sound and transparent public process from start to finish without cutting corners.

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